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FROM: S/LPD - Otto J. Reich *OR*

Subject: Public Diplomacy Calendar and Transcript of ABC
Story on Good Friday Procession in Nicaragua

Attached is an updated Public Diplomacy Calendar, which we hope you will continue to find useful.

Also attached is a one-page transcript of a recent story on ABC's World News Tonight, in which Peter Collins reported that a massive Good Friday Procession in Nicaragua changed from a religious procession into more of a political demonstration against the Sandinistas. The Procession, led by the Archbishop of Managua, symbolizes the growing tension between the Nicaraguan Catholic Church and the Sandinista government. ABC was the only one of the three major networks which reported this story.

Attachments:
As stated.

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PROGRAM: ABC World News Tonight

DATE: April 20, 1984

SUBJECT: Good Friday Procession

DAVID BRINKLEY: In Managua, Nicaragua, a huge crowd gathered for a Good Friday procession, and then the ceremony turned from religious to political.

ABC's Peter Collins in Managua.

PETER COLLINS: A crowd estimated at 100,000 turned out for this annual Good Friday procession. It turned into a passionate demonstration of solidarity with the Catholic Church and opposition to the Sandinista regime. On a sweltering hot day, the marchers moved patiently to a plaza in front of the National Cathedral, pausing along the way to say the Stations of the Cross. They were led by the Archbishop of Managua, Miguel Obando y Bravo, in an explicit rebuff to Sandinista leaders, who had said he was out of touch with the people. The marchers shouted, "Free Nicaragua," and "Christ forever."

None of the Sandinista leaders was present. Most are declared atheists.

In a defiant gesture, the march was organized by Bismarck Carballo, a priest the regime tried to discredit last year by luring him to a woman's house, where he was stripped naked by plainclothes police and forced out into the streets.

The Church here has begun to take on the role and character of the Church in Poland. It is becoming the focus of opposition to the Sandinista regime.

No police were present because the Sandinistas know the Church is the one force that can rally the people against the government. For their part, church leaders said nothing directly against the regime, but emphasized the need for Catholic faith, which here, as in Poland, means no to Marxism.

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LATIN AMERICA/CARIBBEAN PUBLIC DIPLOMACY CALENDAR

5/3/84

- Apr. 1- First phase of Granadero I, joint Honduras - U.S.
May 30 military exercise.
- Apr. 20- "Ocean Venture 84" combined U.S. military exercises
May 6 in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean.

MAY

- May 2-16 Danish youth leaders visit Minneapolis, El
 Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica.
- May. 3-6 Conference of Solidarity with Nicaragua
 (Communist-front sponsored) in Lisbon.
- May 4 Ambassador Middendorf speaks in Miami to Cuban
 Patriotic Council on "U.S. - Cuban Relations and
 Central America."
- May 4-6 Argentine Association for American Studies
 Conference on "The U.S. and the Three Americas:
 Intercultural Relations," in Cordoba, Argentina.
- May 6 Presidential and legislative elections in Panama.
 Salvadoran run-off elections.
 Run-off presidential elections in Ecuador.
- May 7-9 Angier Biddle Duke visits Managua on a fact-finding
 trip for the Appeal of Conscience Foundation. Will
 be accompanied by Max Singer, Penn Kembell and
 Kenneth Smilen. (U)
- May 7-23 BBC "Panorama" crew in Washington preparing 50
 minute documentary for President's visit to London,
 June 4. Will want interviews with Weinberger,
 Eagleburger and Kirkpatrick plus backgrounders from
 White House, DOD and State. Kirkpatrick interview
 will cover Central America.

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May 8 Evangelical Press Association convention in Washington, D.C.

 Council of the Americas Washington conference on "U.S. - Latin American Relations in the Eighties" in Loy Henderson Conference Room, Department of State.

May 8-11 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, Washington Sheraton. Sec. Shultz will speak.

May 10 CBI Workshop in San Salvador.

May 10-25 Contadora Four Foreign Ministers visit presidents of the Central American countries, Cuba and the United States, according to ACAN-EFE.

May 12-17 League of Women Voters Convention in Detroit.

May 15 Mexican President de la Madrid visits Washington, D.C.

May 17-19 "Global Perspectives in Education" conference at Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C. Sponsored by numerous educational groups, including the NEA.

May 21-24 CBI Business Conference, San Jose, California.

May 25-30 Congressional recess.

May 29 CBI Workshop in Kingston.

May 31-
Jun. 1 CBI Workshop in Santo Domingo.

JUNE

Jun. Reserve Officers Association Convention in Chicago.

Jun. Boland-Zablocki Legislative Authority Expires

 Costa Rican President Monge to Geneva to address the ILO General Assembly. Will visit ten other European capitals.

 Inauguration of new Salvadoran president.

Jun. 3 Legislative elections in Panama.

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Jun. 18-21 U.S. Jaycees Convention in Atlanta.

Jun 18-22 General Manuel Antonio Noriega, Commander-in-Chief
of Panamanian National Defense Forces visits France
at invitation of French Government. (U)

Jun. 19-22 National Conference of Editorial Writers in
Washington, D.C.

Jun. 24-27 Kiwanis International meeting in Phoenix.
Baptist General Conference in Portland, OR.

Jun. 28- National Education Association of the United States
Jul. 3 Convention in Miami.

Jun. 29- National Organization of Women (NOW) Convention in
Jul. 1 Minneapolis.

Jun. 30- LULAC (Hispanic) Convention in El Paso.
Jul. 3

JULY

Jul. 1 Constituent Assembly elections in Guatemala.

Jul. 1-4 Optimists International Convention in Philadelphia.

Jul. 1-6 NAACP (75th Anniversary Year) in Kansas City, MO.

Jul. 3-7 Lions International Convention in Phoenix.

Jul. 22-25 LA RAZA (Hispanic) Convention in Washington, D.C.

Jul. 30- American Bar Association Convention in Chicago.
Aug. 8

AUGUST

Aug. ? International Conference on Population in Mexico
City.

Aug. 7-12 American G.I. Forum (Hispanic) Convention in Denver.

Aug. 17-24 Veterans of Foreign Wars Convention in Chicago.

Aug. 29- American Political Science Association Convention in
Sep. 2 Washington, D.C.

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Aug. 31- American Legion Convention in Salt Lake City.
Sep. 6

SEPTEMBER

Sep. 5-7 DOD - sponsored public diplomacy project:
"Strategic Challenges to Regional Security" in
Santo Domingo.

Sep. 6-8 Southern Cable TV Association meeting in Atlanta.

OCTOBER

Oct. ? National Council of Catholic Women meeting in
Chicago.

B'nai B'rith Convention in Denver.

Inland Daily Press Association Convention in
Chicago.

Oct. 10-14 National Conference of Editorial Writers in
Washington, D.C.

Women in Communications Convention in Seattle.

Oct. 11-14 Partners of the Americas 20th Anniversary
Conference, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 14-17 Southern Newspaper Publishers Association
Convention in Boca Raton, FL.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 4 Elections in Nicaragua.

Nov. 3-20 11th International Trade Fair of El Salvador.

Nov. 27-30 AP Managing Editors Convention in Miami.

DECEMBER

Dec. 3-5 Radio/TV News Directors Association Convention in
San Antonio.

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JANUARY

Jan. 10 Inauguration of new Nicaraguan President, Vice
President and National Assembly.

EASTER

Festival of Democratic Youth in Kingston, Jamaica

JUNE

Jun. ? Moscow World Festival of Youth and Students.